

MEDI-CAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM UPDATE

October 16, 2003



Important Reminder To All MEDI-CAL Staff 250% Working Disabled Program



The 250% Working Disabled Program, also referred to as the California Working Disabled Program, became effective April 1, 2000. The program expands Medi-Cal eligibility to working disabled individuals who meet certain eligibility conditions such as having countable income less than 250% of the federal poverty level (FPL). **It is very important that all public contact staff be aware of this program.**

The 250% Working Disabled Program provides full-scope Medi-Cal for eligible persons on a premium payment basis and can be particularly beneficial to those participants who are currently receiving Medi-Cal with a share of cost. Eligibility under this program may result in monthly premiums substantially lower than the share of cost for the eligible individual. All working disabled individuals who request consideration under this program must be referred



for evaluation according to the procedures outlined in **Administrative Directive 4038, dated 5/22/00.**

District managers are requested to review this material with staff on a regular basis.

Elimination of the Second Year of Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC)

Effective October 1, 2003, the state-only second year of Transitional Medi-Cal has been eliminated. EWs are no longer able to report new persons in aid codes 5X and 5Y to MEDS after September 30, 2003. Any provider claims billed after that date will continue to be paid for services rendered in a month in which the person was reported in aid codes 5X and 5Y.

Instructions will be issued shortly on how to process the cases.

Re.: ACWDL 03-45 dated 09/10/03

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Reminder! Verify MEDS Status of Terminated Cases

State audit samples are selected from cases identified as eligible on MEDS. Often, these cases were terminated in LEADER, but somehow the MEDS record was not updated. Since the State pays for recipients who are identified as eligible on MEDS, these terminated cases result in costly errors. As a reminder, when a case is terminated in LEADER, check the MEDS system to insure that benefits are terminated before sending the case to Suspend.

Re.: Admin. Memo. 01-21 dated 8-28-01



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Events

Performance Standards

We will be reporting the processing times for Medi-Cal applications and annual redeterminations that are done in October 2003 to the state to comply with the new Performance Standards requirements. Detailed instructions for line staff will soon be released by LEADER Line Ops.

MEDS Recon Is Coming.....SOON!

We have been notified by CDHS that they will be reconciling MEDS records with LEADER this November. This is something we have been anticipating for over a year and have been reminding staff to "Touch it Once-Do it Right". Nevertheless, we expect that, since a reconciliation has not been done in four years, this will greatly impact our caseload.

CEC and Mail-In in LEADER

As part of Amendment VI, LEADER programming has been completed for the Continuous Eligibility for Children (CEC) Program and the Medi-Cal Mail-In process. On November 17, it is scheduled to be in production. In preparation for this, training on navigating these processes through LEADER will be provided to line staff.

2003 MEDICAL INCOME LEVEL CHART

Family Size	1931(b)	TMC	Reg.	Expanded Children's			Healthy Families	OMB and SLMB Programs			A&D	PICKLE	
				100% (Age 6-19) (4/03)	133% (Age 1-6) (4/03)	200% (Pregnant & child to 1yr) (4/03)		100% OMB (4/03)	120% SLMB (4/03)	135% QI-1 (4/03)		Last SS/SSP Check Received Between	Multiplier
1	\$390	\$749	\$1,385	\$600	\$749	\$996	\$1,497	\$1,871	\$749	\$898	\$1,011	01/02-12/02	0.0138
2	\$639	\$1,010	\$1,869	\$750	\$1,010	\$1,344	\$2,020	\$2,525	\$1,010	\$1,212	\$1,364	01/01-12/01	0.0388
3	\$793	\$1,272	\$2,353	\$934	\$1,272	\$1,692	\$2,544	\$3,180	\$1,272	\$1,526	\$1,717	01/00-12/00	0.0713
4	\$942	\$1,534	\$2,837	\$1,100	\$1,534	\$2,040	\$3,067	\$3,834	\$1,534	\$1,840	\$2,070	01/99-12/99	0.0931
5	\$1,074	\$1,795	\$3,321	\$1,259	\$1,795	\$2,388	\$3,590	\$4,488	\$1,795	\$2,154	\$2,424	01/98-12/98	0.1047
6	\$1,208	\$2,057	\$3,805	\$1,417	\$2,057	\$2,736	\$4,114	\$5,142	\$2,057	\$2,468	\$2,777	01/97-12/97	0.1231
7	\$1,327	\$2,319	\$4,289	\$1,550	\$2,319	\$3,094	\$4,637	\$5,796	\$2,319	\$2,782	\$3,130	01/96-12/96	0.1478
8	\$1,445	\$2,580	\$4,773	\$1,692	\$2,580	\$3,432	\$5,160	\$6,450	\$2,580	\$3,096	\$3,483	01/95-12/95	0.1694
9	\$1,567	\$2,842	\$5,258	\$1,825	\$2,842	\$3,780	\$5,684	\$7,105	\$2,842	\$3,410	\$3,837	01/94-12/94	0.1921
10	\$1,701	\$3,104	\$5,742	\$1,959	\$3,104	\$4,128	\$6,207	\$7,759	\$3,104	\$3,724	\$4,190	01/93-12/93	0.2125
Each Added Person	\$14	\$262	\$485	* 2 Adults \$934	\$262	\$349	\$524	\$655	\$262	\$314	\$354	01/92-12/92	0.2355
												01/91-12/91	0.2627
												01/90-12/90	0.3005
												01/89-12/89	0.3319
												01/88-12/88	0.3676
												01/87-12/87	0.3835
												01/86-12/86	0.3914
												01/85-12/85	0.4097
												01/84-12/84	0.4297
												07/82-12/83	0.4490
												07/81-06/82	0.4669
												07/80-06/81	0.5386
												07/79-06/80	0.5963
												07/78-06/79	0.6327
												07/77-06/78	0.6551
												04/77-06/77	0.6743

2003 SS/SSP PAYMENT STANDARDS INDEPENDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT

01/01/03-05/31/03 06/01/03-12/31/03

Aged/Disabled Blind Disabled Minor (If residing in the home of relative)	Individual	Couple	2003 MEDICARE PREMIUM			SGA DISABLED		AVERAGE PRIVATE PAY (To determine Period of Ineligibility)	2003 LONG TERM CARE BUDGET FACTORS	
			Part B \$58.70	(01/03) \$800	(01/03) \$800	Individual	Spouse Couple		CSRA Limit	2003 FEDERAL BENEFIT RATE (FBR)
Aged/Disabled	\$ 757	\$ 778				\$230	\$382		Community Spouse Maintenance Need	\$ 90,660
Blind	\$ 819	\$ 842				\$230	\$3,836		Dependent Relative Allowance	\$ 2,257
Disabled Minor	\$ 650	\$ 667				\$230	\$4,163		Home Maintenance Allowance	\$ 1,515
(If residing in the home of relative)						\$230	\$4,322		Shared Home Maintenance Allowance	\$ 209
Both						\$230	\$4,415		Maintenance Need	\$ 138
Aged/Disabled	\$1,344	\$1,382								
Both Blind	\$1,556	\$1,602								
Blind/Aged/Disabled (One spouse blind & other aged or disabled)	\$1,477	\$1,520								
			INCOME CONVERSION FACTOR (All Programs)			2003 TB INCOME STANDARD				
			Weekly X 4.33							
			Bi-Weekly (every 2 weeks) X 2.167							